

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/053361.

Please add new claims 8-15 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (new): A contact system for a power circuit breaker, the contact system comprising:

a plurality of fixed contacts disposed across from each other;

a breaker shaft segment;

a rotary contact bridge pivotably mounted in the breaker shaft segment about a rotation symmetrical axis by means of a bearing axle and a slot bearing having a slot longitudinal axis perpendicular to the bearing axle, the rotary contact bridge configured to electrically connect and disconnect the fixed contacts;

two rockers mounted on the rotary contact bridge so as to tilt about a tilting axis with respect to the rotary contact bridge parallel to the rotation-symmetrical axis; and

two contact force springs, each having a longitudinal axis and being supported between the breaker shaft segment and one of the rockers,

wherein the rotary contact bridge, the breaker shaft segment, the contact force springs, and the rockers form a tilting snap-action mechanism for holding the rotary contact bridge in a repulsed position after the fixed contacts have been electrodynamically repulsed, and

wherein the longitudinal axes of the springs, the tilting axes and the rotation-symmetrical axis lie in a tilting point plane of the tilting snap-action mechanism and the slot longitudinal axis forms at most an acute angle with the tilting point plane.

Claim 9 (new): The contact system as recited in claim 8, wherein the contact force springs are pressure springs.

Claim 10 (new): The contact system as recited in claim 8, wherein each rocker includes at least one receiving bore and wherein each contact force spring is mounted in one of the receiving bores with a first end of the contact force spring close to the contact bridge.

Claim 11 (new): The contact system as recited in claim 10, wherein the rotary contact bridge includes a narrow side having two bearing mounts and wherein the rockers each include two receiving bores, a bearing leg disposed in one of the bearing mounts, and rocker webs on both sides of the bearing leg and protruding beyond the bearing leg towards the rotation-symmetrical axis, each rocker web having one of the two receiving bores.

Claim 12 (new): The contact system as recited in claim 10, wherein the breaker shaft segment includes at least one of holding nubs and holding depressions, each configured to receive a second end of the contact force spring opposite the first end.

Claim 13 (new): The contact system as recited in claim 8, wherein the switching device includes a housing and wherein stops are disposed across from each other in the housing and are configured to limit A repulsion movement of the rotary contact bridge.

Claim 14 (new): The contact system as recited in claim 8, wherein the rotary contact bridge is mounted on the bearing axle with a circular-cylindrical bearing bore and wherein the bearing axle is mounted in lateral slots in the breaker shaft segment.

Claim 15 (new): The contact system as recited in claim 8, wherein the slot longitudinal axis lies in the tilting point plane.